



**LEWIS &
CLARK**
Library System

TIP SHEET

LCLS: POSSIBILITIES

Conduit

The new blog is a place for LCLS staff to keep members informed about new projects and other opportunities at the System. Conduit is also a place for members to get to know the staff better and provide another avenue of interaction.

Fun Fact—The new blog was named as part of a System-wide naming contest.

For more information: Contact Kevin Becker, kevinbecker@lcls.org, 618.656.3216, ext.106

Consulting

LCLS offers consulting services to member libraries on a variety of topics, including: Advocacy; Automation; Library and Personnel Administration; Expansion of Library Services; Grant Development; Inter-library Cooperation; Marketing of Library Services; Planning, Budgeting and Taxes; Readers Advisory; Technology; and Youth Services.

Fun Fact—Consulting is a service that has been offered since the day LCLS opened for business.

For more information: Contact Charm Ruhnke, charmruhnke@lcls.org, 618.656.3216, ext. 121

Continuing Education

Continuing education and professional development is provided to the membership to help meet the evolving needs of librarianship. We offer courses on a wide range of topics and are always looking for new ideas for classes that would benefit our members. You can see the calendar here: www.librarylearning.info.

Fun Fact—In 2007/2008, LCLS sponsored 151 educational events with over 1,700 people.

For more information: Contact Amanda McKay, amandamckay@lcls.org, 618.656.3216, ext. 143

Delivery

Delivery, also called Courier Services, is a vital link to our members and the users they serve. We provide courier services 5 days per week and serve our members with 7 different routes, which are constantly evaluated for maximum effectiveness.

Fun Fact—In 2007/2008, LCLS was able to deliver each item at a cost of \$0.42, substantially less than mailing individual items.

For more information: Contact Charm Ruhnke, charmruhnke@lcls.org, 618.656.3216, ext. 121

Expedition! Extra

LCLS's weekly electronic newsletter comes out every Thursday. The Extra contains job postings, interesting links, and other timely information that would benefit the membership.

Fun Fact—Expedition! Extra got its name because members wanted something "extra" in between printings of the old (and now retired) paper newsletter, named "Expedition!"

For more information: Contact Amanda McKay, amandamckay@lcls.org, 618.656.3216, ext. 143

GateNet

The GateNet consortium is a group of libraries working together to provide access to a wide variety of materials for their patrons. <http://www.lcls.org/gatenet/>

Fun Fact—The tallest item in the GateNet catalog is the Bookworm Library Mascot at 131 cm. The most unusual is the miniature plastic skeleton at 44 cm.

For more information: Contact Leslie Bednar, lesliebednar@lcls.org, 618.656.3216, ext. 145

Grant Opportunities

LCLS employees seek out grant opportunities for our members as well as help members through the grant writing process. Grant opportunities and information appear in both the Extra! and here: www.lcls.org/services/grant-development/.

For more information: Contact Juliette Douglas, juliettedouglas@lcls.org, 618.656.3216, ext. 108

Group Discounts

Frequently, LCLS participates in group discounts and purchases. You can find information about these offers in both the Extra! and here: www.lcls.org/services/vendor-discounts/.

For more information: Contact Charm Ruhnke, charmruhnke@lcls.org, 618.656.3216, ext. 121

Human Resources

We know that most of our members can't afford to have a human resources expert on staff, so we provide our members with this expertise as part of our consulting services.

For more information: Contact Juliette Douglas, juliettedouglas@lcls.org, 618.656.3216, ext. 108

Interlibrary Loan

The System's Interlibrary Loan Service supports and encourages interlibrary loan activity between its members, between all ILLINET libraries, and between all legally established libraries. To find out more about ILL, check here: www.lcls.org/services/interlibrary-loan/.

Fun Fact—LCLS members interlibrary loaned over 500,000 items in FY2008

For more information: Contact Charm Ruhnke, charmruhnke@lcls.org, 618.656.3216, ext. 121

Legal Issues

LCLS consultants are available to offer advice on legal issues. While we cannot provide legal counsel, we can refer you to lawyers who specialize in the subject area you need.

For more information: Contact Charm Ruhnke, charmruhnke@lcls.org, 618.656.3216, ext. 121

LibraryLearning

LibraryLearning (L2) is the calendar and registration system for all Illinois Library System and Illinois State Library events. Using L2 allows you to see all events offered across Illinois and register for most of them. You can access this service at www.librarylearning.info/.

Fun Fact—LibraryLearning is the result of a cooperative project with the Illinois Library Systems and the Illinois State Library.

For more information: Contact Julia Pernicka, juliapernicka@lcls.org, 618.656.3216, ext. 142

Listservs

LCLS offers a wide variety of listservs to allow our members to communicate with each other in specific subject areas.

Fun Fact—LCLS offers over 20 different listservs in a variety of areas, including LCLS, GateNet, Publics, and Schools.

For more information: Contact Julia Pernicka, juliapernicka@lcls.org, 618.656.3216, ext. 142

Membership Lists

LCLS provides a comprehensive membership list of all full and developmental members. You can access this list at www.lcls.org/about/members/. You can also make changes by using your LibraryLearning login.

Fun Fact—LCLS started with 5 members in 1965. We now have 133 members in academic, public, school, and special libraries.

For more information: Contact Charm Ruhnke, charmruhnke@lcls.org, 618.656.3216, ext. 121

Special Interest Groups

These groups give members the opportunity to network with others who provide services to the same types of patrons. There are SIGs for youth services staff, school media staff, and academic staff, just to name a few.

For more information: Contact Charm Ruhnke, charmruhnke@lcls.org, 618.656.3216, ext. 121

Staff List

Our staff is here to help support you and your staff. To find out more about our staff and their areas of expertise, please check here: www.lcls.org/about/staff/

For more information: Contact Tina Hubert, tinah@lcls.org, 618.656.3216, ext. 120

WebJunction Illinois

WebJunction Illinois is a cooperative project hosted by LCLS. It brings together the best of the global WebJunction and puts an Illinois perspective on the information. To see more and to begin interacting with other librarians, go to <http://il.webjunction.org/>.

Fun Fact—WebJunction Illinois hosts LSTA grant updates, a wonderful place to learn about current grant projects and conceive new projects.

For more information: Contact Brook Weber, brookweber@lcls.org, 618.656.3216, ext. 115